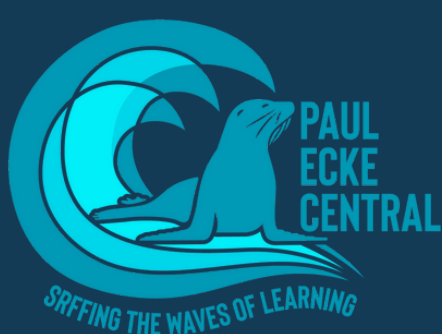




PAUL ECKE CENTRAL SCHOOL REBUILD UPDATES

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Dear Paul Ecke Central Families,

As you know, Paul Ecke Central will be rebuilt beginning in the summer of 2026 and is estimated to be completed in the fall of 2027. This project is made possible with funding from the recently passed Bond Measure Z, and was approved by the Encinitas Union School District Board of Education in a special board meeting held on January 8, 2025.

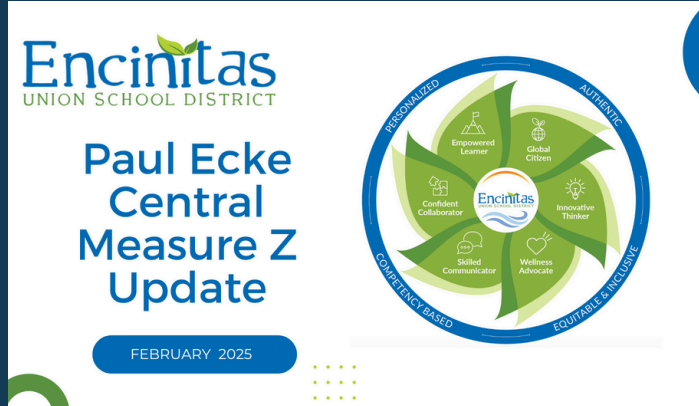
The decision to rebuild was made after a careful and thorough analysis of our campus, while looking at the current and future needs of our students. We know how important our school is to the foundation of our community, and are excited to create a space that both students and members of the community can be proud of for generations to come.

In an effort to keep you informed throughout this process, we will be sending this newsletter with specific updates on the project. We greatly value your input and encourage you to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Principal Wes Sechrest

Project Overview

On February 6, 2024, Paul Ecke Central hosted a Superintendent Chat to provide parents with exciting Bond Measure Z updates, including plans for the school's reconstruction. Parents and community members in attendance had the opportunity to ask questions and give input at the end of the presentation. To watch the recording of the meeting, please visit the PEC rebuild page on the EUSD Measure Z website at eUSD.net/out-district/measurez.



School Design Community Input Meetings



The community input design sessions for the reconstruction of Paul Ecke Central were held on February 26, March 12, and March 20. These sessions provided District administration and the DLR Group architecture team a chance to gather input from PEC families and community members on design plans for the new building. We appreciate everyone who participated. Below is an overview of what took place at each meeting.

Input Meeting 1: The DLR Group presented on project goals, educational outcomes, and district-wide objectives. Community members worked in groups to discuss insights on student and staff needs, community expectations, and program integration, while also addressing development strategies and construction infrastructure. The meeting concluded with group reports and a discussion on next steps.

Input Meeting 2: The DLR Group reviewed key facts and needs, including enrollment projections, facility conditions, and community considerations such as the Farmers Market and parking. Participants engaged in workshops to discuss gathering spaces, flexible learning environments, health and safety, and other important factors, aligning these goals with the needs of students. The session concluded with group reports and a discussion on next steps.

Input Meeting 3: The DLR Group discussed building a program of areas, the site master plan and concepts, and aesthetics. DLR then gathered feedback and facilitated a group discussion about site utilization, access, security, and planning concepts. An aesthetics exercise was conducted, where participants compiled photo examples of designs to determine the desired look and feel for the new PEC building. The meeting concluded with group reports and next steps.

Steering Committee

The project Steering Committee is a group of district employees and Paul Ecke Central staff members who are tasked with overseeing and guiding specific projects, initiatives and operations related to the PEC rebuild. The committee held meetings on March 5, 2025 and March 18, 2025.

Student Input Sessions

Student input sessions at PEC will be held during class in April. Teachers will facilitate student discussions and get feedback on what students want to see included in new school design. Their feedback will be shared with the DLR Group to help make future design decisions.

Fast Facts

Architect Company: The DLR Group

Contractors: Balfour Beatty

Construction Start Date: Summer 2026

Where will students go during construction: PEC students will attend a different EUSD school campus during the 2026-2027 school year. The district is taking many factors into consideration to determine which school or schools they will attend for the duration of construction. You will be notified once that decision has been made. Transportation for students during the 2026-2027 school year will be provided by the district.

Will there be more input meetings: Additional logistics input meetings will be held for the community in the spring as preparations for the 2026-2027 year are being made.

Learn more at eUSD.net/our-district/measurez